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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-3,5,7,8 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morse et al (6,530,237) in view of the 2000266416 Japanese reference (from the 2-17-2006 IDS).

Morse et al disclose applicants' basic inventive concept, a control system for controlling the refrigeration system for a cryopump 14, with a storage tank 40 which is connected to the supply (22) and return (12) lines by control valves to control the refrigerant pressure in the system to control the amount of refrigeration provided to the cryopump at a variable rate from a continuously operating compressor, substantially as claimed with

the exception of using only the pressure in the low pressure line as a control parameter to open a valve in dependence on a threshold value. The '416 Japanese reference shows this feature to be old in the refrigerant pressure control art (see the abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicants' invention from the teaching of the '416 Japanese reference to modify the refrigeration pressure control system of Morse et al by using only the returning low pressure as a control parameter to simplify the control structure, thus making the device cheaper and easier to build. In regard to claims 12-14 claim 2 of the machine translation claims that the pressure sensor "is installed in the high-tension-side path".

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4,6,9 and 10 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9-23-2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant states that Morse does not teach the use of a single pressure sensor. The '146 Japanese reference shows this feature to be old in the cooling system art. One of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated by the Japanese reference to use a single pressure sensor to simplify the control system. Applicant states that Okimura does not show this teaching. The reference relied upon to show this is Japanese publication 2000266416 from the 2-17-2006 IDS. The inventor for this reference is given on the face of the reference as Nishijo Tokuji. The Okimura reference seems to not be related to the '416 reference.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C. Doerrler whose telephone number is (571) 272-4807. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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